Lake Resources at Noosa Conference Next Week

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- Lake Resources invites investors to attend a virtual presentation in the Noosa Mining Conference at www.noosaminingconference.com.au
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Clean lithium developer Lake Resources NL (ASX:LKE; OTC:LLKKF) announced today that Steve Promnitz, Managing Director, will present at the Noosa Mining Conference on Thursday 12 November 2020 at 3pm local time, 4pm (Sydney, Melbourne), 1pm (Perth, Hong Kong). Noosa Mining Conference is on from Wednesday to Friday next week 11-13 November 2020 both in person at Noosa Peppers and online.


Lake recently announced a major milestone with the production of 99.97% purity lithium carbonate using a fairly standard processing flowsheet from lithium chloride produced by a direct extraction pilot plant module with Lake’s Kachi lithium brines (refer ASX announcement, 20 October 2020). This is the culmination of over two years of groundbreaking work with leading technology at both laboratory scale and now at pilot scale. This high purity product will be attractive for the lithium-ion battery market where pricing in the lithium carbonate market is largely determined by lithium carbonate grade and the level and type of impurities.

The presentation will provide an update on the successful production of high purity lithium carbonate (99.97%) at pilot module scale and the next steps to battery testing and lithium production. This will be available on Lake’s website before the conference timeslot at: https://lakeresources.com.au/investors/presentations/

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About Lake Resources NL (ASX:LKE OTC:LLKKF)

Cleaner high purity lithium using efficient disruptive clean technology

Lake Resources NL (ASX:LKE, OTC: LLKKF) is a clean lithium developer utilising direct extraction technology for the development of sustainable, high purity lithium from its flagship Kachi Project, as well as three other lithium brine projects in Argentina. The projects are in a prime location within the Lithium Triangle, where 40% of the world’s lithium is produced at the lowest cost.

This method will enable Lake Resources to be an efficient, responsibly-sourced, environmentally friendly and cost competitive supplier of high-purity lithium, which is readily scalable, and in demand from Tier 1 electric vehicle makers and battery makers.

1. Clean-Tech: Efficient, disruptive clean technology to produce sustainable high purity lithium, with a smaller environmental footprint, in demand by Tier1 EV makers and battery makers. This is a cost-competitive technology provided by our partner in California, Lilac Solutions, who have received the backing of the Bill Gates-led Breakthrough Energy fund and MIT’s The Engine fund.

2. High Purity: High purity lithium carbonate samples (99.97% purity) with very low impurities has been produced from lithium brines from Lake’s flagship project (refer ASX announcement 9 January 2020 and 20 October 2020). The growth of higher density batteries to drive the latest electric vehicles has significantly increased demand for a high purity product with low impurities, and the process delivers this consistently for a premium price.

3. Prime Location, Large Projects: Lake’s projects are located in the Lithium Triangle, in Argentina, the prime location globally for low cost lithium production from large projects. The Kachi project covers 70,000 ha over a salt lake south of Livent’s lithium operation with a large indicated and inferred resource of 4.4 Mt LCE (Indicated 1.0Mt, Inferred 3.4Mt) (refer ASX announcement 27 November 2018). A pre-feasibility study (PFS) by a tier 1 engineering firm over Kachi shows a large, long-life low-cost potential operation with competitive production costs at the lower end of the cost curve similar to current lithium brine producers (refer ASX announcement 28 April 2020).

4. Sustainable ESG Benefit: The environmental footprint is far smaller than conventional brine evaporation processes or hard rock mining. By using a benign water treatment process to produce lithium, Lake avoids any mining and returns virtually all water (brine) to its source without changing its chemistry (apart from lithium removal). This avoids the “water politics” in arid environments and is a better outcome for local communities. Tier 1 electric vehicle makers and Tier 1 battery makers have been seeking more sustainable, responsibly sourced materials in their supply chain which has driven demand for our products.

An innovative direct extraction technique, based on a well-used ion exchange water treatment method, has been tested for over 18 months in partnership with Lilac Solutions, with a pilot plant module operating on Kachi brines and has shown 80-90% recoveries. Battery quality lithium carbonate (99.9% purity) has been produced from Kachi brine samples with very low impurities (Fe, B, with <0.001 wt%) (refer ASX announcement 9 January 2020). Test results were incorporated into a Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS). The Lilac pilot plant module in California is producing samples for downstream participants. A pilot plant / demonstration plant on site is planned to produce larger battery quality lithium samples. Discussions are advanced with downstream entities, as well as financiers, to develop the project.

On 3 July 2020, Lake Resources announced that the first samples of lithium chloride had been successfully produced from Lilac Solution’s direct extraction pilot plant module, supporting the scale-up from previously successful lab-scale work. On 20 October 2020, independent laboratory, Hazen Research, produced the first samples of high purity (99.97% purity) battery quality lithium carbonate for testing in a NMC622 battery by Novonix. Hazen will produce further samples for downstream supply chain participants and off-takers. The sector continues to see positive news around demand and issues have been highlighted with a pending shortfall of supply of clean battery quality lithium.

Lake’s other projects include the Olaroz and Cauchari brine projects, located adjacent to major world class brine projects in production or construction, including Orocobre’s Olaroz lithium production and adjoins the impending production of Ganfeng Lithium/Lithium Americas’ Cauchari project. Lake’s Cauchari project has shown lithium brines over 506m interval with high grades averaging 493 mg/L lithium (117-460m) with up to 540 mg/L lithium. These results are similar to lithium brines in adjoining leases and infer an extension and continuity of these brines into Lake’s leases (refer ASX announcements 28 May, 12 June 2019).

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